

THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 11 and 21 are independent. Claims 2-10, 12-20, and 22-31 depend from independent claims 1, 11 and 21, respectively.

The Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

Listing of claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for providing access to information related to a broadcast television program, the method comprising:

delivering, via a single communication path, the broadcast television program along with at least one synchronized functionality associated with the broadcast television program, the broadcast television program and said at least one synchronized functionality being of the same format and for display on a television screen within a home, said at least one synchronized functionality comprising at least one user-selectable option, and wherein said at least one synchronized functionality originates from the same broadcast provider location as the broadcast television program;

receiving an input from a user that selects at least a portion of said at least one synchronized functionality associated with at least a portion of the broadcast television program, during said delivering; and

in response to said received input, performing said at least a portion of said at least one synchronized functionality associated with said at least a portion of the broadcast television program, at least in part outside said home.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising associating said at least one synchronized functionality with the broadcast television program.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising notifying said user of said at least one synchronized functionality corresponding to the broadcast television program.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising broadcasting an indication of said at least one synchronized functionality along with the broadcast television program.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said input is a code representative of said function.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said input is generated from at least one of a remote control, a keyboard, a scanning device and an audio processing device.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising generating supplemental information related to the broadcast television program in response to said received input.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, comprising presenting said supplemental information to said user.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, comprising presenting said supplemental information to said user concurrently with said delivering of the broadcast television program.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising displaying information related to said performance of said at least a portion of said at least one synchronized functionality.

11. (Previously Presented) A machine-readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having at least one code section for providing access to

information related to a broadcast television program, the at least one code section being executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform steps comprising:

delivering, via a single communication path, the broadcast television program along with at least one synchronized functionality associated with the broadcast television program, the broadcast television program and said at least one synchronized functionality being of the same format and for display on a television screen within a home, said at least one synchronized functionality comprising at least one user-selectable option, and wherein said at least one synchronized functionality originates from the same broadcast provider location as the broadcast television program;

receiving an input from a user that selects at least a portion of said at least one synchronized functionality associated with at least a portion of the broadcast television program, during said delivering; and

in response to said received input, performing said at least a portion of said at least one synchronized functionality associated with said at least a portion of the broadcast television program, at least in part outside said home.

12. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, comprising code for associating said at least one synchronized functionality with the broadcast television program.

13. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, comprising code for notifying said user of said at least one synchronized functionality corresponding to the broadcast television program.

14. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, comprising code for broadcasting an indication of said at least one synchronized functionality along with the broadcast television program.

15. (Original) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, wherein said input is a code representative of said function.

16. (Original) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, wherein said input is generated from at least one of a remote control, a keyboard, a scanning device and an audio processing device.

17. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, comprising code for generating supplemental information related to the broadcast television program in response to said received input.

18. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 17, comprising code for presenting said supplemental information to said user.

19. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 17, comprising code for presenting said supplemental information to said user concurrently with said delivering of the broadcast television program.

20. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, comprising code that causes information related to said performance of said at least a portion of said at least one synchronized functionality to be displayed.

21. (Previously Presented) A system for providing access to information related to a broadcast television program, the system comprising:

at least one processor that delivers, via a single communication path, the broadcast television program along with at least one synchronized functionality associated with the broadcast television program, the broadcast television program and said at least one synchronized functionality being of the same format and for display on a television screen within a home, said at least one synchronized functionality comprising at least one user-selectable option, and wherein said at least one synchronized functionality originates from the same broadcast provider location as the broadcast television program;

said at least one processor receives an input from a user that selects at least a portion of said at least one synchronized functionality associated with at least a portion of the broadcast television program, during said delivering; and

 said at least one processor performs said at least a portion of said at least one synchronized functionality associated with said at least a portion of the broadcast television program, at least in part outside said home in response to said received input.

22. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor associates said at least one synchronized functionality with the broadcast television program.

23. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor notifies said user of said at least one synchronized functionality corresponding to the broadcast television program.

24. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor broadcasts an indication of said at least one synchronized functionality along with the broadcast television program.

25. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said input is a code representative of said function.

26. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein said input is generated from at least one of a remote control, a keyboard, a scanning device and an audio processing device.

27. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor generates supplemental information related to the broadcast television program in response to said received input.

28. (Original) The system according to claim 27, wherein said at least one processor presents said supplemental information to said user.

29. (Original) The system according to claim 27, wherein said at least one processor presents said supplemental information to said user concurrently with said delivering of the broadcast television program.

30. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor displays information related to said performance of said at least a portion of said at least one synchronized functionality.

31. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor is one or more of a media processing system processor, a media management system processor, a computer processor, media exchange software processor and/or a media peripheral processor.